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Head coach Mike MacIntyre celebrates on the sidelines during the Spartans first game of the season against the Stanford Cardinal. The Spartans beat the Idaho Vandals on Saturday to become bowl eligible for the first time since 2008 . **Raphael Kluzniok / Contributing Photographer**

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COMPETITION

Forensics team places in individual events

By **Celeste Lodge**
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Although the SJSU Forensics team didn’t place in the Sweepstakes Award in the last tournament of the semester, many of its team members placed in their individual events.

The tournament was Saturday and Sunday and was held at University of the Pacific.

It was the biggest tournament of the semester and had schools from all over the nation.

According to Matt Zweier, a fifth year communication studies major, this was the toughest competition of the semester.

About 36 schools attended including Southern Illinois University, Texas Tech University, Northern Arizona University, UCLA, San Francisco State, and UC Berkeley.

“It was a good tournament, but we didn’t do quite as well as we hoped to do,” Zweier said. “But we started to shine in the individual events.”

Seven of the team members placed in their individual events with two of them placing first.

Avesta Sabetian was a semifinalist in open impromptu, Shacori Poole received sixth in open program oral interpretation, Zweier received sixth in open impromptu, Katrina Swanson received fifth in open impromptu, and

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ELECTION 2012

Rock the Vote looks to mobilize voters despite low turnout at event

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With a lengthy lineup promising a night full of musical entertainment and political analysis, the Associated Students hosted Rock the Vote Thursday night in Morris Dailey Auditorium.

However, last week’s rainy weather prompted organizers to move the event from its original location on the Ninth Street lawn to the auditorium, a move that may have had a negative impact on the turnout.

Despite a promotional effort, the concert only drew about 100 people, much less than the number of people that Associated Students was expecting to show up.

I wish the turnout would’ve been better, but things happen out of our control...

Crystal Diaz, Director of programming affairs for Associated Students

“I feel like the weather was definitely an issue,” said Crystal Diaz, director of programming affairs for Associated Students and the main organizer of the event. “Because originally, outside, we were expecting 300 to 500 students. We had it all planned out, and then a day before the event we had to change all the marketing. We had to change all

the fliers and post on Facebook to let people know of the change.”

According to Diaz, the budget for the event was \$7,000, but only \$4,000 of that was spent.

The size of the crowd fluctuated throughout the night depending on the performer.

In the second half of the concert, after a performance by A Yawn Worth Yelling, a local five-piece alternative band, a throng of audience members began making their way toward the exits, with one person yelling, “I’m with the band,” in response to being asked where they were going as they scurried out the door.

At its peak, about halfway through the concert, about 50 students were in the auditorium.

There were about a dozen people in the crowd at its lowest points.

The concert lineup consisted of a mixture of musical acts of various genres, a dance troupe, and a number of speakers who talked about the current political landscape, told jokes, or recited poetry.

One of the speakers, Pedro Ramirez, vice president of The California State Student Association, has helped put together similar events at other campuses and believes that more students would’ve shown up if the weather hadn’t thrown a wrench into the planning.

“It was raining when I got here, and I think that has a lot to do with it,” Ramirez said. “I’ve organized numerous events where weather is a big issue. On Monday, we had a rally in Chico. Hundreds of students showed up and it was sunny.”

Even though the concert didn’t bring in a big crowd, Ramirez said



SJSU senior chemistry major Phat-Dat Phan (right) gets information on the propositions being put on the ballot for the 2012 Presidential Election from A.S. members. . **Photo by Dennis Biles / Spartan Daily**

he believes that making even a small impact can make all the difference in any election.

“Even if there was only 20 or 30 people here, or just five or 10, every vote counts,” Ramirez said. “Proposition 30 is so close. Right now, from what we saw, it’s at 48 percent (for yes).”

Other speakers included Assemblyman Jim Beall, who gave the opening speech, Melinda Jackson, SJSU political science associate professor, local poet Grinil Khanna, and Assemblywoman Nora Campos.

Among those who performed were local rapper and SJSU student Alexander Sabhu Koomis, who goes by the stage name Konix , R&B singer and Bay Area native Jasmine Nichol, New York-based rapper DASH, as well as another Spartan, rapper Young Soulja who was accompanied by singer Cherry Da Vixen.

Soulja, a senior graphic design

major, said that he constantly stresses the importance of voting to his peers.

“I encourage the youth to go out and vote because there’s a lot of people that don’t have the right to vote, like convicts,” he said. “Take advantage of the opportunities you have. Be grateful that you’re a citizen of the United States and that you can vote. Your opinion matters.”

In addition to the performances, students could visit with A.S. members at various tables set up near the entrance to talk about the various issues and propositions at stake in the election.

Despite the low turnout, Diaz said she believes that the concert was a good time for those who showed up, and is confident that the original outdoor location would’ve provided a better atmosphere and attracted more people.

“I think the fact that you’re sit-

ting down takes away from that concert experience, and that’s why I really wanted it to be a standing thing outside, because it feels more like a concert,” she said. “From our end it was a great event. I wish the turnout would’ve been better, but things happen out of our control so we just roll with the punches.”

Although the event only brought out a small crowd, there was at least one future voter in attendance, 17-year-old high school student Chandler Siegrist from nearby Campbell, who was energized and motivated to get into the voting booth in the near future.

“This event gave me a lot of ideas for why I want to vote later in life. I’ll be 18 very soon. I do want to vote, and I want to make a difference in my community,” Siegrist said.

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HURRICANE

Sandy’s power outages can lead to some life-and-death decisions

By Brian Bennett and Shashank Bengali
McClatchy Tribune

VALLEY STREAM, N.Y. — When Harry Perez looks at the red plastic canister on his back porch, he sees more than five gallons of unleaded. He sees six more hours his bedridden daughter Catherine can keep breathing with the aid of an oxygen machine.

This is the cold calculus Hurricane Sandy has wrought for the Perez family.

Five days after Sandy’s winds toppled thousands of power lines and tidal surges flooded electrical stations, half the homes on Long Island remained without power Saturday, and long lines persisted to buy gas for cars and generators.

For families like the Perezes, who have been fanning out over Long Island in a desperate search for gas, the storm-caused outages remain more than an inconvenience: They are a matter of life and death.

Still, there are signs of hope. The hum of daily life grew a little more audible across New York and New Jersey on Saturday as electricity surged back into blacked-out areas, and gas became a bit more plentiful.

Public Service Electric & Gas Co., New Jersey’s biggest utility, said power had been restored to all major gasoline refineries in its area. Several terminals reopened, or were about

to reopen, in ports throughout the region, the U.S. Energy Department said.

The Defense Department set up mobile fuel stations throughout New York City and planned to distribute 12 million gallons of gasoline and 10 million gallons of diesel fuel to run generators. The gas was free, with a limit of 10 gallons per person. New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie instituted gas rationing, with cars restricted to filling up every other day on the basis of odd- or even-numbered license plates.

Electricity was restored to much of Lower Manhattan, and authorities expected to have power fully back up there Sunday. New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo said that, by midday Saturday, 80 percent of the subway system had been restored, including some of the lines that are vital for commuters traveling to jobs in Manhattan from Brooklyn and Queens.

A return to normal life, however, seemed distant for many.

Lines at service stations remained long and at times testy. Some station owners jacked up prices by \$1 or more a gallon. In New Jersey, officials said they had received more than 500 complaints of price-gouging, and had issued subpoenas to 65 businesses.

Power remained out to broad swaths of the region. Temperatures were turning



Artist Konstantin Bokov gets water to boil for drinking from an old fire hydrant at Rockaway Beach, New York since he has no power and no running water. Photo by Glenn Koenig / MCT

cold, with lows expected to hit freezing Monday.

“Nights are hard,” said Donald Dozier, 66, a retired computer systems tech in Elmont, Long Island. With temperatures falling into the 30s at night, he, his wife, her sister and his 90-year-old mother have struggled to keep warm with “a lot of blankets and a lot of closeness,” he said.

As the death toll from the storm hit 113, President Barack Obama met with Cabinet officers and top emergency officials at the headquarters of the Federal Emergency Man-

agement Agency in Washington.

“We still have a long way to go,” he acknowledged, adding that the “recovery process is difficult and it’s painful.”

The president said the government’s top priority was to get power restored throughout the region, which involved pumping water out of areas where electric substations had been flooded. He also said it was important to find temporary housing more substantial than emergency shelters for people who lacked power and heat.

“There’s nothing more important than us getting this right,” he said.

The president would get no argument from the Perez family. For 25-year-old Catherine Perez, who was born with half a lung and has the mental capacity of a 2-year-old, a gas generator keeps her oxygen machine running and keeps her alive.

Thursday night looked dire. The Perez’s son Brian, 30, had stood in line for five hours at a station only to get to the pump just as the tank ran dry.

A cousin told him there was gas at a station in Green-

wich, Conn., 40 miles away. He jumped in the car at midnight and floored it. He was home by 2 a.m. with three full red canisters: 15 gallons — 18 hours of oxygen.

On Friday, the family had a stroke of luck. The gas station across the street opened and, after a two-hour wait, Harry and Evelyn were able to buy 10 more gallons.

But for a couple that has spent more than two decades caring for their daughter around the clock, the power outage and the gas shortage have added a new level of stress.

Forensics: Last tournament of semester

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Ryan Gallagher received second in novice prose.

Swanson, who has been a member of the team for three years, received first in open extemporaneous, and Onofre Galvez, who has only been on the team for this semester, received first in the novice poetry event.

Swanson, a senior English major, was excited about getting first for extemporaneous because she also received first for the same event at the San Joaquin Delta College tournament on Friday.

“My biggest accomplishment was winning both times in that event this weekend,” Swanson said. “Usually I’ll win one, not the other, so this was a big surprise.”

For the first tournament, her speech explained that giv-

ing aid to Myanmar is needed, and for the second tournament she talked about how the United States’ sanctions against Iran hurt the people of Iran.

Onofre Galvez, junior communication studies major, said that getting first in the novice poetry event was his biggest moment of the semester.

“I was actually very surprised when they called my name,” Galvez said. “I don’t like complimenting myself but I do feel very accomplished.”

For the event Galvez did a theatrical performance of the poems, “The Fatman” by Daniel S. Solis, and “America (It’s Gotta Be the Cheese)” by Eitan Kadosh.

Although there were many successes individually, none of SJSU’s debate teams (novice, junior, or open) made it past the preliminary rounds.

At the tournament there were 70 open debate teams, 24 junior debate teams, and 32 novice debate teams.

“We (Katrina and I) encountered really strong (debate) teams that made different more complex arguments that we weren’t used to and hadn’t come across in the past,” Zweier said.

Although they didn’t do well in debate, Zweier, who has been on the team for three years, said this will prepare him for future events.

Swanson is happy with the overall performance of the team at this tournament.

“I think the team definitely put up a good fight in spite of the competition,” Swanson said.

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ELECTION 2012

Know your vote: A look at the presidential nominees

Obama seeks progress in second term

By Thyra Phan
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As Election Day looms near, Americans exercise their rights of democracy by voting for important issues and the most important decision of all: the next president of the United States.

President Barack Obama, a democrat, is running for a second term with the campaign slogan, “Forward,” where he plans to progress the country in terms of education, health care, jobs and energy independence.

Information is gathered from President Barack Obama’s official campaign website, www.barackobama.com.

EDUCATION

Obama said he believes in affordable, high-quality education with hopes of leading the world in college graduates by 2020.

To make higher education affordable, Obama set a goal to cut tuition growth in half over the next decade, a plan that would save students thousands of dollars a year.

To meet this goal, he will work with colleges and universities to prevent the rise of tuition, redesign courses with technology and remove funding from colleges that do not offer students valuable education at an affordable price, according to the Wall Street Journal.

To save students from high loan interest rates, Obama prevented rates from doubling for more than 7 million students and capped federal student loan repayments at 10 percent of income.

In addition, Obama ended billions of subsidies on banks and put the savings toward increasing Pell Grant money for students.

HEALTH CARE

Obama’s new health care plan aims to increase access to affordable health insurance. The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, also known as “Obamacare,” is intended to stop insurance companies from capping and canceling coverage.

In addition, the plan will provide access to preventive care, such as mammograms and colonoscopies, without co-pays or deductibles.

The health care plan also enables young adults to remain on their parents’ health



Democratic candidate Barack Obama. Photo by White House

insurance plans until they turn 26.

Starting in 2014, most Americans will be required to obtain health insurance or pay a penalty, starting at a minimum of \$95 and increasing to \$695 per person in 2016, according to Fact-Check.org.

TAXES, BUDGET AND ECONOMY

In September 2011, Obama released “The President’s Plan for Economic Growth and Deficit Reduction,” which outlines his plans to reduce the budget deficit by \$4 trillion.

Since September 2012, the national debt is currently at \$16 trillion, according to the Treasury Department.

Since his first term, Obama has cut taxes for every working American, saving them \$3,600. However, according to a report by the National Economic Council, it is within a span of four years – not a year.

Obama said he plans on raising the tax rate for households who make more than \$250,000 a year, which would generate \$206 billion in revenue in 10 years, according to the Wall Street Journal.

According to his plans to reduce the budget deficit, the nation will have “more than \$1 trillion in savings over the next 10 years” from ending the war in Iraq. Obama plans to use half the savings to help pay the debt and to use the other half to invest in infra-

structure in America.

His rescue of the auto industry created 479,000 manufacturing jobs since January 2010. Obama set a goal to create 1 million new manufacturing jobs by the end of 2016.

To create incentives for businesses to bring jobs back to America, Obama said he aims to eliminate tax breaks for companies that ship jobs overseas.

ENERGY

To reduce dependency on foreign oil, Obama said he plans to move America toward energy independence.

He set a goal to reduce oil imports by half in 2020 with a strategy to develop every available source of American-made energy, including oil, gas and clean coal.

The increase in natural gas production could create more than 600,000 jobs by the end of the decade.

He intends to achieve that goal by increasing domestic oil and gas production, substituting ethanol and other alternative fuels for gasoline and converting trucks and buses to run on natural gas, according to the New York Times.

By investing in a clean energy economy, Obama hopes 80 percent of our electricity will come from clean sources, such as natural gas, clean coal, wind and solar, by 2035.

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Romney looks to clean up weak economy

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As the election nears, presidential hopeful Mitt Romney has emphasized how he would improve the country during the past few months while campaigning.

The following are his key points on major issues from his website, www.mittromney.com, that have formed his official presidential platform.

MILITARY:

Romney believes that the United States must continue to patrol the world and protect worldwide commerce and global trading.

He believes the U.S. Navy is too small, which currently has 284 ships, and says it needs 328 ships to fulfill its mission of “global presence and power projection in defense of American security.”

Romney said more money must be spent on defense, which sat at \$711 billion in 2011, larger than the combined military spending of the next 13 countries combined, according to the Los Angeles Times. Romney said he would have a minimum of 4 percent of the United States’ GDP dedicated to defense spending.

He also said that he would cut waste in the Department of Defense and pass military budgets on time, something he claims Obama has not done.

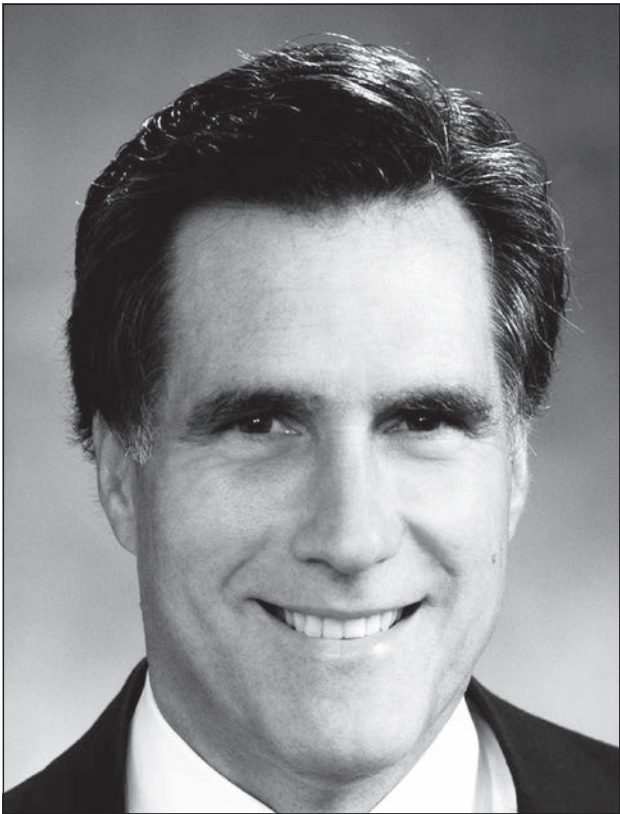
FOREIGN POLICY:

Romney believes President Obama failed to act quickly enough to deal with the ongoing Syrian Civil War, which he said resulted in the deaths of thousands of Syrians.

He would also build closer ties with Iraq including, “diplomatic, economic, and military – to establish a lasting relationship with Iraq, push back on growing Iranian influence, promote institutions of liberty, and guarantee that Baghdad remains a solid partner in a volatile and strategically vital region.”

Romney would like to strengthen ties with China’s neighbors “not to build an anti-China coalition (but) rather to strengthen cooperation among countries with which we share a concern about China’s growing power and increasing assertiveness”

Romney also has said the protection and cooperation with Israel is very important and said it is unacceptable for Iran to possess nuclear weapons.



Republican candidate Mitt Romney. Photo by Massachusetts Governor’s office

TAXES, BUDGET AND ECONOMY

Romney would lower the country’s corporate tax rate from 35 to 25 percent and repeal the corporate Alternative Minimum Tax, a tax imposed on corporations, estates, individuals and trusts by the federal government.

He said he would maintain current tax rates on interest, dividends and capital gains, according to Fox Business.

Romney believes new jobs can be created in the United States by pursuing new trade agreements with countries committed to free enterprise and open markets.

He supports states in pursuing Right-to-Work laws, which prohibits union security agreements, which sometimes include collective bargaining agreements, according to the 1947 Taft-Hartley Act.

Romney would also “initiate review and elimination of all Obama-era regulations that unduly burden the economy,” including Obama’s environmental regulations. He believes companies deserve more time to comply with any new environmental law.

When it comes to Social Security, Romney said the retirement age should increase slowly to account for increases in longevity. He also believes the growth rate of benefits should be decreased for those making higher incomes, although he does not give a specific figure.

He also would also try lower federal spending to under 20 percent of the country’s GDP. He believes 10 percent of

the federal workforce can be reduced.

He would also reduce foreign aid by \$100 million, according to ABC News and Romney’s official platform.

HEALTH CARE:

Romney said he would repeal President Obama’s 2010 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, popularly known as Obamacare.

He would also limit federal standards on private insurance and Medicaid coverage, and “prevent discrimination against individuals with pre-existing conditions who maintain continuous coverage.”

Romney said he believes consumers should have the right to purchase insurance across state lines and that non-economic damages should be capped in medical malpractice lawsuits.

EDUCATION:

Romney would like to attract new kindergarten through 12th-grade teachers by eliminating certain certification requirements and reward teachers with “increased flexibility.”

He said the financial aid system for higher education students would be strengthened and reformed and “welcome private sector participation instead of pushing it away.”

Romney believes Obama has wasted billions of dollars trying to reform both kindergarten through 12th grade and higher education.

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ELECTION 2012

Candidates hit battleground states small and big

By Lesley Clark and David Lightman
McClatchy Tribune

MORRISVILLE, Pa. — President Barack Obama and Republican challenger Mitt Romney clashed Sunday over who could deliver change to a gridlocked nation as they crisscrossed the country on the second-to-last day of campaigning in a race that remains too close to call.

No battleground state was too small for a personal visit —by noon Obama had appeared in New Hampshire, which has just four electoral votes, and Romney was cam-

paigning in Iowa, which has only six.

But they also went for the bigger prizes, as Obama spoke in Ohio and Florida, and Romney visited Ohio and Pennsylvania.

Romney was in Morrisville, outside Philadelphia, for a rally that drew tens of thousands.

“What a Philadelphia welcome, thank you,” Romney said after taking the stage to the theme music from “Rocky.”

Though Pennsylvania has voted Democratic in recent elections and long appeared a lock for Obama, polls released Sunday showed

Obama’s lead had shrunk.

In speeches Sunday, Romney Romney sharpened his attack on Obama’s handling of the economy, saying the president “cared more about a liberal agenda than he did about repairing the economy.”

In Des Moines, Iowa, he belittled Obama’s record, asking the audience estimated at 1,440 in a convention center whether it believed that Obama’s health-care law created jobs.

“Did his war on coal, oil and gas create jobs?” Romney said. “Does raising taxes put people to work?”

He painted a bleak picture

of America under Obama, charging that four more years would lead to “lower take-home pay, higher prices for gasoline, for health insurance, for food, for clothing.”

Romney cast himself as an agent of change, saying Obama promised change, but didn’t deliver.

“I not only promise change, I have a record of achieving it,” Romney said.

Earlier Sunday, in New Hampshire with former President Bill Clinton at his side, Obama sought to reprise the glory days of the Clinton years while telling an enthusiastic if chilled crowd

outside the gold-domed New Hampshire state Capitol that Romney represents a return to failed policies.

“New Hampshire, we know our ideas work,” Obama told an audience estimated at 14,000. “We tried them and they worked for middle class families. We tried giving big tax cuts to the wealthiest, .And what did we get? Falling incomes and record deficits that we’ve been cleaning up ever since.”

Obama’s campaign rhetoric belied the fact that incomes have dropped on his watch, too, and dropped more since the end of the re-

cession than during it. Also, he has presided over the four largest budget deficits in history, adding to the national debt rather than reducing it.

At the close, Obama shook hands along with Clinton as the former president’s 1992 campaign anthem, “Don’t Stop (Thinking About Tomorrow)” blared from loudspeakers.

As the candidates worked the voters, strategists for both sides took to TV and Twitter, seeking to exude confidence about winning a race that is going to come down to who best can get their voters to the polls.

MOVIE REVIEW

‘Wreck-It Ralph’ brings the fun of video game culture to life



Ralph (John C. Reilly) voices the protagonist of Disney’s 52nd animated film “Wreck-It Ralph,” which also stars characters from various video games . Photo from nouvellelune.fr

By Kimberley Diaz
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Grade

B+

Being the bad guy isn’t such a bad thing in Disney’s latest 3-D animated feature “Wreck-It Ralph.”

Marking Disney’s 52nd animated film, “Wreck-It Ralph” features an array of video game references and characters, which was its main draw for audiences.

Ralph (John C. Reilly) is the bad guy of an arcade game called “Fix-It Felix Jr.,” where his goal is to try and destroy a penthouse full of civilians before Fix-It Felix (Jack McBrayer) fixes the building.

When Felix succeeds, he receives a medal from the civilians who also throw Ralph off the building.

Being apart of the game’s existence for more than 30 years, Ralph has grown tired of this repetitive trend and wishes he could be the good guy for once and win a medal like Felix.

Ralph then begins “game jumping,” which is also known as “going turbo” in the video game world, named after an arcade character who jumped in between racing games.

He goes into “Hero’s Duty” in hopes of winning the medal that lies on top of a tower that the gamer can win.

He succeeds and retrieves it, but clumsily falls into an escape pod and escapes out of the game and into another one called “Sugar Rush,” a racing game.

There he meets Vanellope von Schweetz (Sarah Silverman), who uses his medal to enter a race, where the racers refuse to accept her and end up tearing apart her homemade race car.

When Ralph realizes the two are both outcasts, he agrees to help her win the race if she promises to give him back his medal.

Meanwhile, King Candy (Alan Tudyk) does not want Vanellope to race and begins to plan a plot to stop them.

In addition, Felix is out looking for Ralph with “Hero’s Duty” main character Sergeant Calhoun (Jane Lynch) because without him, their game will seem broken and will cause the arcade owner to unplug the game for good.

This movie takes place in several video game worlds, all

of which have some real video game characters.

Some of those characters included the ghosts from “Pac-man,” Sonic and Dr. Eggman from “Sonic the Hedgehog,” Bowser from the “Super Mario Bros.” game and more.

Having video game characters from actual arcade games many have grown up with made the movie a lot of fun to watch.

Disney did a good job in not overdoing it with the references and even left some funny inside jokes for fans to find such as graffiti on a wall saying “Aerith dies,” which is a reference to Final Fantasy VII.

Each voice actor fit their character perfectly.

Lynch’s character even looks and acts like her, which made for a very believable performance.

The interactions between Ralph and Vanellope were hilarious and cute, which is no surprise when you have great comedians like Silverman and Reilly to provide the voices and great improvisation.

The overall artistic direction in this movie was fantastically done. Each world was different and not similar in any shape or form.

Each world had its own theme and civilians, making it feel alive. It was gorgeous to see everything in such great detail.

The animations of the characters also differed from game to game, also adding to the video game aspect.

The civilian characters in the “Wreck-It Ralph” arcade game moved statically like the way they did in older arcade games. There were even some scenes where the characters

were 8-bit, depending on the world you entered.

The story overall was unique and enjoyable, but it did fall into the “classic Disney ending” where the audience can easily predict what is going to happen and how it will end.

However, it works well and the movie doesn’t fail because of it.

It actually helped to close the movie nicely and even with a cheesy ending, it still seemed a bit bittersweet.

Overall, “Wreck-It Ralph” is one of Disney’s best and definitely deserves a watch while it’s still in theaters.

Video game fans will love the movie for its references, but will love it even more for the characters and fun story.

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- 33 It may be
- 37 “It’s fine as it is”
- 38 Wrecks
- 40 Trail mix components
- 41 Tornado-riding dog
- 42 ___ Arbor, Mich.
- 43 Hardwood tree
- 44 Unwanted sound
- 46 Like a farm smell
- 47 Permission to search
- 50 Tit for ___
- 51 Emotionally distant
- 52 Lid colorer
- 58 Ballet outfit
- 59 New Zealand aborigine
- 60 “All ___!” (court phrase)
- 61 Plumber’s challenge
- 62 Bring forth
- 63 Hardly height-challenged
- 64 Unlikely fable loser
- 65 ___ Cup (golf trophy)
- 66 Parking-meter feature

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- 1 Rugged outcropping
- 2 A real doozy
- 3 Author credited on many poems
- 4 Turn on the waterworks
- 5 Menacing look
- 6 Rips to pieces
- 7 Start a hand
- 8 Aries or Scorpio, e.g.
- 9 Dip, as bread in gravy
- 10 Titanic, for example

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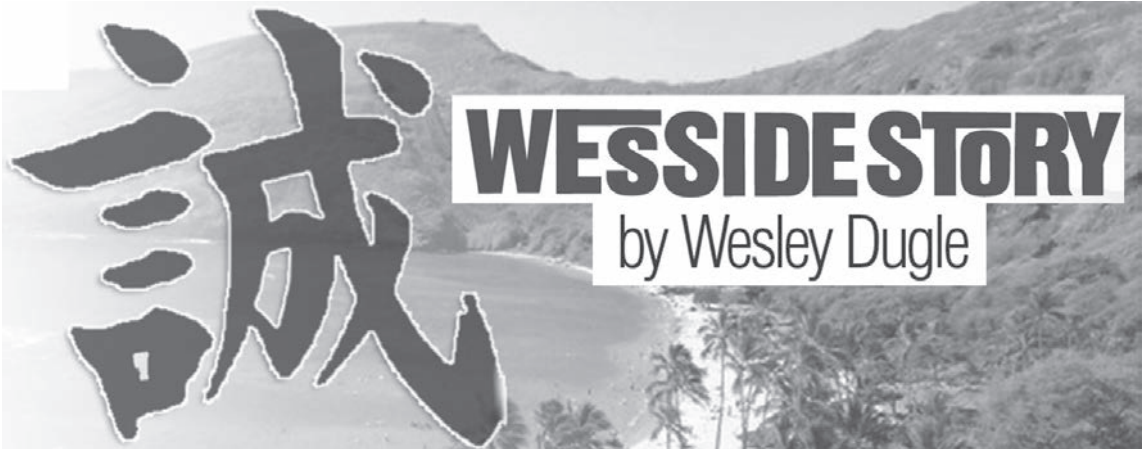
- 11 Like some Greek columns
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- 13 Payments to a landlord
- 21 Open hearing, in law
- 22 James Clavell best seller “___ Pan”
- 25 Times for celebrating
- 26 Have stamina
- 27 Look ___ (explore)
- 28 Athletic competition
- 29 LSU site
- 30 “Dressed to Kill” star Michael
- 34 Song for two
- 35 Inscribe indelibly
- 36 Covered with soot, e.g.
- 38 Drought ender
- 39 Wavering
- 43 Something to draw
- 45 Clumsy person
- 46 Not as complicated
- 47 Wrist timepiece
- 48 Bebop follower of the 1950s?
- 49 Apache topper
- 50 Third monastic hour
- 53 “___ better watch out ...”
- 54 They may be fine or performing
- 55 “___ M. for Murder”
- 56 It was for merly Christiania
- 57 Whip mark
- 59 The sea, to the French

UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆



Bipartisanship in the face of disaster

Last week, the East Coast saw a hurricane of biblical proportions ravage cities, towns and homes leaving millions without food, power or water.

With 110 deaths and counting and an estimated \$10 billion in damage, Hurricane Sandy is easily the biggest natural disaster to hit the U.S. since

Hurricane Katrina smashed the Gulf coast in 2005.

It's an amazing view of raw power and destruction that makes one think about the mercilessness Mother Nature can unleash.

What was even more amazing this past week, in the aftermath of this epic storm, was something sel-



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dom seen in our country these days.

Bipartisanship. Yes readers, we saw a brief glimpse of bipartisanship when Democratic President Barack Obama and Republican Gov. Chris Christie set aside party politics in the name of helping out those affected by Sandy's destruction.

It would have been really easy for either candidate to swing political talking points one way or another in the face of this storm but neither did.

In fact, both were quite praiseworthy of each other and their work to help rebuild the New Jersey coastline.

The president assured a New Jersey crowd on Wednesday that that their "governor is working overtime for them."

Christie, a man who only a couple months ago at the Republican National Convention, chastised the President's decision making, praised Obama saying, "It's been very good working with the president and his administration. It's been wonderful."

After the last year and a half of mudslinging between the two parties, which culminates with tomorrow's election, it's refreshing to see two mortal enemies come to terms in the face of a major disaster such as Sandy.

But that's the problem with politics these days as it often times takes a major disaster to get everyone

to stop fighting each other so they work together for a common goal.

Why can't we always have bipartisanship? Why does it always take something this major to get our politicians to stop pointing fingers and start working together?

Even with this rare display of bipartisanship, the airheads down at "Fox and Friends" still tried to put a political spin on this dire situation.

In an interview with Christie, co-host Steve Doocy, clearly perturbed by the sudden bromance between Obama and Christie, tried to goad Christie into making a talking point by asking if he planned to tour the damage with Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney anytime soon.

Christie flatly replied, "If you think I give a damn about presidential politics right now then you don't know me."

Wow, that's a far cry from when he called the President the "most ill-prepared person to assume the presidency in my lifetime" back in May.

Wouldn't it be nice though if conservatives and liberals could meet on common ground like this all the time and not just during natural disasters?

No matter what side of the government you fall on, left or right, Democrats and Republicans love this country and want to see it rise from its current economic struggles.

But for the most part, and especially in recent years, politics have

become so divisive that no politician can seem to entertain the idea of bipartisanship.

A hurricane can't be the only thing Democrats and Republicans can agree on.

All too often our politicians let partisanship get in the way of the bigger picture of putting this country back together and it's quite sad that they can't agree on anything.

Do we need a couple hurricane Sandy like disasters to get this government rolling in a unified direction?

Maybe an "Independence Day"-like alien invasion will get our politicians into action.

All joking aside, no matter who becomes president on Tuesday they will need bipartisanship in order to fix this country, and this government has always worked better when Democrats and Republicans have worked together.

The sad fact of the matter is until liberals and conservatives can put aside party politics for even just one day this country will continue to spiral downward.

At least Obama and Christie's brief moment of bipartisanship proves that it's possible that political rivals can agree on something but unfortunately until the next hurricane we may not see this again for a while.

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Vote, make your voice heard



Leo Postovoit's column appears every Monday.

Tomorrow, polling places open at 7 a.m.

I wonder, will you vote?

Even if you're registered, the statistics say a resounding "No."

The U.S. Census Bureau keeps statistics on voting. In 1972, 53 percent — a majority — 18-to-29-year-olds turned out.

In 2000, it was a stupefying 36 percent. Obama's energy in 2008 boosted these numbers somewhat to 46 percent.

SJSU's Office of Institutional Effectiveness & Analytics — basically, the numbers people for the university — say that the average age of students for this semester is 22.8. That means,

more than likely, you're in this category.

Maybe you'll argue that you're uninformed. Or maybe you just don't care about the initiatives on the ballot.

And if you're reading this, know that the politicians probably don't want you to vote. Politicians know, from the same census data, that 68 percent of citizens age 65 and older vote.

So all you really have to do to win many elections is talk about what interests that demographic: Medicare and retirement benefits are going to be sexier poll boosters as opposed to education reform and job programs.

But I argue as a United States citizen you should vote. Always.

It's your money — we need to understand what taxes we're voting for, what fiscal changes are occurring, and if the new proposals make sense.

Don't you want to be heard?

Consider voting, on the sole basis that half of us 100 years ago couldn't.

It was once hard for people

of color and for women to receive what is now considered to be a right. Today, every citizen who is 18 years old by election day has the same vote of equal merit as other citizens.

And consider that you may even have friends who are undocumented immigrants who have lived in the U.S. for the majority of their lives and have never had the opportunity that you have to make a direct change to the political system. Consider voting for them.

Plus, as an added benefit, we are in California, a colossal political testing ground where some radical changes are made here first and then often adopted by states across the nation.

This election, if you want to make your opinion heard on whether to outlaw the death penalty or if mandating the labeling of genetically modified foods makes sense then Propositions 37 and 34, respectively, are for you.

This opportunity, alone, is something we should cherish.

Or perhaps as a college student or university employee

you're an advocate of higher education and feel the education system needs more funding. Proposition 30 funds kindergarten through 12th-grade schools, CSU, UC and community colleges with two additional taxes, abating cuts that have already been approved. An estimated total of \$250 million would go to the CSU system, with around \$16.9 million to SJSU specifically.

Supporting Proposition 30 means supporting schools.

Or, if you feel taxes are too high, then strike down the hike.

Finally, any SJSU student who is in the workforce likely currently works at a low-wage job.

Measure D, a San Jose initiative started by SJSU students, raises the minimum wage by 20 percent to \$10 an hour and promises future bumps with cost of living reassessments.

Likely, too, people higher on the pay scale will be paid more. This is a major push by those who feel that San Jose's wages have stagnated.

If you are a person who is a low-income wage earner and want more money, then a favorable vote will likely give you raise.

The law states you can have up to two paid leave hours from work to vote, and even some SJSU teachers are offering extra credit to those who vote.

So go, and rock the vote in your favor.

And make your voice heard.

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Letter to the editor

Real love is actually more than sex

In response to the article, "Real Love is actually more than sex," that ran on Oct. 17.

My whole purpose of approaching a cute girl is not based solely on sex, but curiosity. I am simply curious, and I want my curiosity to be fed.

To feed my curiosity the other person must be willing to give me the time, and more importantly must be willing to listen to what I have to say. Listening. What a simple word but yet how hard it is to do.

In relation to your article many people don't go to clubs or bars with the sole intention of taking someone home just for sex but rather to get to know that particular person.

Yes, many do have the sole intention of having their sexual needs met as quickly as possible, but others are curious to know who that cute girl or boy is?

And, to feed this curiosity we need to get the other person's attention. How do we do that? Or, more importantly how does it happen?

One helping factor is attraction. The minute we find someone to be attractive we tend to give them a chance or the time to hear what they have to say.

Here is where the fallacy "Love at first sight" lies, it should be renamed "Attraction at first sight." Attraction is good, and real love is sexy, but sex is not the sole reason for meeting someone new.

I am just curious, curious to know who you are. Things you do for fun? Curious to know where you see yourself in the future?

But, my curiosity cannot be met without first convincing you to give me the time, the time to listen.

Jesus Contreras

Senior business major

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SJSU 42, IDAHO 13

SJSU conquers Vandals for third straight win: Become bowl eligible

Staff Report

The SJSU football team is now bowl-eligible after their 42-13 win over University of Idaho Vandals, the first time the Spartans have been eligible since 2008. This victory also marks the Spartans’ third consecutive win and fourth road-win streak.

Junior quarterback David Fales threw four touchdowns to three different Spartan wide receivers, two to junior Noel Grigsby and one apiece to junior Chandler Jones and sophomore Jabari Carr. Fales threw for 328 yards, completing 27-of-39 passes.

The Spartan offense struggled in the first three quarters of the game, with two special team fumbles and an interception by Fales in the first half.

It was the SJSU defense that kept the Spartans in the game, holding the Vandals to only 47 yards in the first half, and unable to gain first downs on 10 of their 18 possessions.

The Spartans recorded six sacks and two interceptions



Junior quarterback David Fales (shown in the Oct. 13 game against Utah State) threw for 328 yards and four touchdowns against the University of Idaho Vandals on Saturday to lead to the Spartans’ 42-13 win. Photo by Jason Reed / Contributing Photographer

in the second half, converting one of them into a 47-yard return touchdown by junior defensive back Bene Benwikere to bring the final score to 42 over the Vandals’ 13.

Senior defensive end Travis Johnson is now tied for SJSU and WAC career records

for quarterback sacks after he recorded two tackles for loss and one sack in the game.

SJSU was able to take the lead 14-7 in the second quarter with touchdowns from senior running back De’Leon Eskridge and Carr on back-to-back possessions and from

then on the Spartans never looked back.

Vandal senior kicker Trey Farquhar made two field goals early in the second half to give Idaho a score of 13, but that was the closest they would get to the Spartans.

This is the second game in a row and the fourth time this season where the Spartan defense did not allow a second-half touchdown.

Earlier in the season, Texas State, Navy and Stanford were all held out of the end

zone in the second half.

The Spartans continued to rack up points, with a three consecutive touchdowns in the fourth quarter from Grigsby and a 35-yard run from Jones.

Grigsby caught six passes for 88 yards against the Vandals, placing him past the 2,500-yard mark for career receiving yardage.

Jones had seven receptions for 73 yards, moving him to third place on SJSU’s career receiving list with 152 receptions.

SJSU recorded 413 yards to Idaho’s 288, with an average gain of 6.1 yards per play – almost twice the Vandal’s average.

This win improves SJSU to 7-2 overall and 3-1 in the WAC. This is also the first time since 1987 where SJSU has won four straight games on the road.

The Spartans hit the road again and head to Las Cruces, New Mex. to face the New Mexico State Aggies on Saturday at 1:30 p.m.

Information courtesy of SJSU Athletics.

SJSU 88, ACADEMY OF ART 54

Men’s basketball slays Urban Knights in first exhibition game

By David Sheffer @SD_DSheffer

The Spartans men’s basketball team took an early lead and kept it for the rest of the game against the Academy of Art Urban Knights from San Francisco 88-54 in Thursday’s exhibition game.

“Our intensity level is somewhere it hasn’t been since I’ve been here, and I feel like it’s going to get us a lot of wins,” said sophomore starting point guard D.J. Brown.

SJSU head coach George Nessman said the team “really set the standards for ourselves as a group.”

SJSU had a total of 20 personal fouls in Thursday’s game.

“We played hard for 40 minutes, we didn’t play well for 40 minutes and give Academy of Art some credit,” Nessman said.

Junior forward Chris Cunningham started the game off with a slam dunk to

give the Spartans an early lead and set the tone for the night.

“We improved 10 times from last year’s post play,” Cunningham said. “We have a little bit of everything.”

Cunningham led the team in steals for the game with three.

The game started off slowly with only three shots made in the first three minutes.

A slam dunk by junior center Alex Brown helped keep the Spartans in the lead 6-2.

Spartans held the lead for the first period 50-24 with zero score ties and zero lead changes.

Spartans played defensively in the first period, getting 20 defensive rebounds and nine offensive rebounds compared to the Urban Knights’ 11 defensive rebounds and six offensive rebounds.

SJSU had 11 personal fouls and the Urban Knights had 10 personal fouls at the end of the first period.

Brown led the Spartans

with a line of 14 points and three assists, and was 5-5 from the free-throw line.

The Urban Knights played a better second period than first with a higher field goal percentage, three-point field goal percentage and free throw percentage, but were never able to close in on the Spartans’ lead.

Alex Brown started the second period with a clean layup, setting the mood for the second period.

Six minutes into the second period, the Urban Knights had already racked up nine personal fouls compared to one personal foul by the Spartans.

The Spartans led in offensive rebounds with 12 and defensive rebounds with 14 in the second period.

Cunningham led in total field goals for the second period with four shots.

“I believe that we’re just as talented as anyone we’re going to play,” Cunningham said.



Sophomore guard D.J. Brown (center) drives between two Academy of Art players during an exhibition game last Thursday. Photo by Basil Sar / Contributing Photographer

The Spartans scored 26 points total in free throws compared to the Urban Knights 15 free throw points.

“Our effort and concentration was good for the first time out,” Nessman said.

The Spartans will be playing the University of Houston Cougars in the Event Center at 7 p.m. tomorrow.

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Check out coverage of the women’s Thursday exhibition game at **SpartanDaily.com**

SJSU 174, UC SANTA CRUZ 31

Spartan women’s swim team splashes out UC Santa Cruz Banana Slugs

By Natalie Cabral @SD_NCabral

SJSU’s women’s swimming and diving team defeated UC Santa Cruz Saturday afternoon with an overwhelming combined team score of 174-31.

The Spartans came in first against the UC Santa Cruz Banana Slugs for each of the 11 events held.

Freshman swimmer Michelle Berry took the lead in scoring during the meet, placing first in both the 1,000 yard freestyle and 200 yard individual medley events against the Banana Slugs.

“I was pretty surprised actually,” Berry said. “Being a freshman, I’m not expecting to be the best out there. I just want to be the best I can be.”

Senior swimmer Amy Friedhoff trailed Berry with her own success and achieved her best time of 1:53.02 for the 200 yard freestyle race as well as winning the event altogether.



Junior Darcie Anderson swims to a first place finish in the 100-yard butterfly during the SJSU’s victory over UCSC at the Aquatic Center on Saturday. Photo by Raphael Kluzniok / Contributing Photographer

“Compared to last year I have a lot of preseason speed right now,” she said. “So hopefully it continues throughout the year.”

According to coach Sage Hopkins, the meet was full of personal-record-breaking times.

Senior swimmer Julia Craddock set a personal best for herself during the 200 yard freestyle with a time of 1:53.87.

The 100 yard butterfly race proved fruitful for

Spartan teammates junior Darcie Anderson and Marisa DeWames.

Anderson clocked in at 57.66 seconds while DeWames followed closely at 1:01.00.

Freshman Amanda Buxbaum and Craddock set personal bests during the 100 yard breaststroke as well.

Buxbaum received a time of 1:05.87 with Craddock trailing right behind at 1:07.52.

According to Hopkins,

the team’s success is a result of hard work and a thorough program regimen.

“We have: The best strength program possible, the best nutrition program possible, the best recovery program possible, the best mobility program possible – and so we’re trying to get every facet that it takes to just be the best possible,” Hopkins said.

So far, the Spartans hold a season score of 1-1.

Their past three meets

consisted of a win against UC Davis and a 2nd place position against Fresno State after breaking three pool and meet records.

The Spartans only loss so far has been against Stanford, with the women falling short only 27 points.

According to Berry, the team as a whole has played a huge part in individual successes.

“That’s one of the main reasons I chose San Jose State,” Berry said, “I love the

camaraderie and I love how everyone is so supportive of each other.”

Hopkins said it’s a focus the team has from the very beginning.

“We work quite a bit on our team chemistry starting with the recruiting process,” he said. “Frankly, one of the most common remarks recruits make when they come visit us is that it’s the most tight-knit team they’ve ever seen.”

As for upcoming meets, Hopkins said he’s working on placing swimmers in events they may not have swam before.

“We’re trying to make some final selections in terms of our line up going into the arena which will certainly shape out selection going into the WAC championships,” Hopkins said.

The Spartans will be participating in an Arena Invitational Nov. 15 through 17 as well as the Wildcat Diving Invite Nov. 16-18.

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